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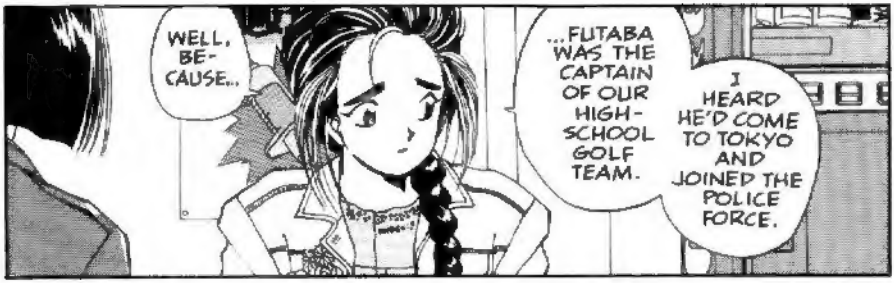
NICE SHOT, AOI!

HEY, AOI! SOMEONE'S HERE TO SEE YOU!
WOMEN
OKAY, I'LL BE OUT IN A SEC!
YEAH... DON'T TAKE ALL DAY IN THERE!
YES, HOW CAN I HELP YOU?
EY... HI...
REIKO...?!
F-FUTABA? Oh, er, HE'S ON, um, VACATION.
...BUT I WAS HOPING TO SEE AOI FUTABA...
I'M SUBBING FOR HIM.

WHAT ARE YOU BABBLING ABOUT...
...AOI?
!!
Uhm... Er...
YOUR LAST NAME IS FU--
FWAP
THERE'S A REASON, RIGHT?
RIGHT!
Mmph!
PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE!!
YOU'VE GOT TO HELP MY BROTHER!!
HUH?

IT'S ALL MY FAULT...
...HE KNEW I HAD MY HEART SET ON BECOMING A PROFESSIONAL GOLFER.
DON'T WORRY, SIS--I'LL GET YA A GOLF-CLUB MEMBER-SHIP!
REALLY...?!
"BUT HE BOUGHT WHAT TURNED OUT TO BE A FAKE MEMBER-SHIP FROM A BUNCH OF GANG-STERS."
I'LL KILL 'EM!!
"HE LEFT BY HIMSELF FOR TOKYO, SWEARING HE'D MAKE THEM RETURN THE MONEY."
NO, WAIT!!
"Sighh... HE ALWAYS WAS A LITTLE SIMPLE-MINDED."
IF I DON'T FIND HIM IN TIME...
...HE'S LIKELY TO GO TO THE GANG'S HEADQUARTERS AND ATTACK THEM ON HIS OWN!
SO, WHY DID YOU WANT TO SEE, uh, Mr. FUTABA?
HUH? HUH?

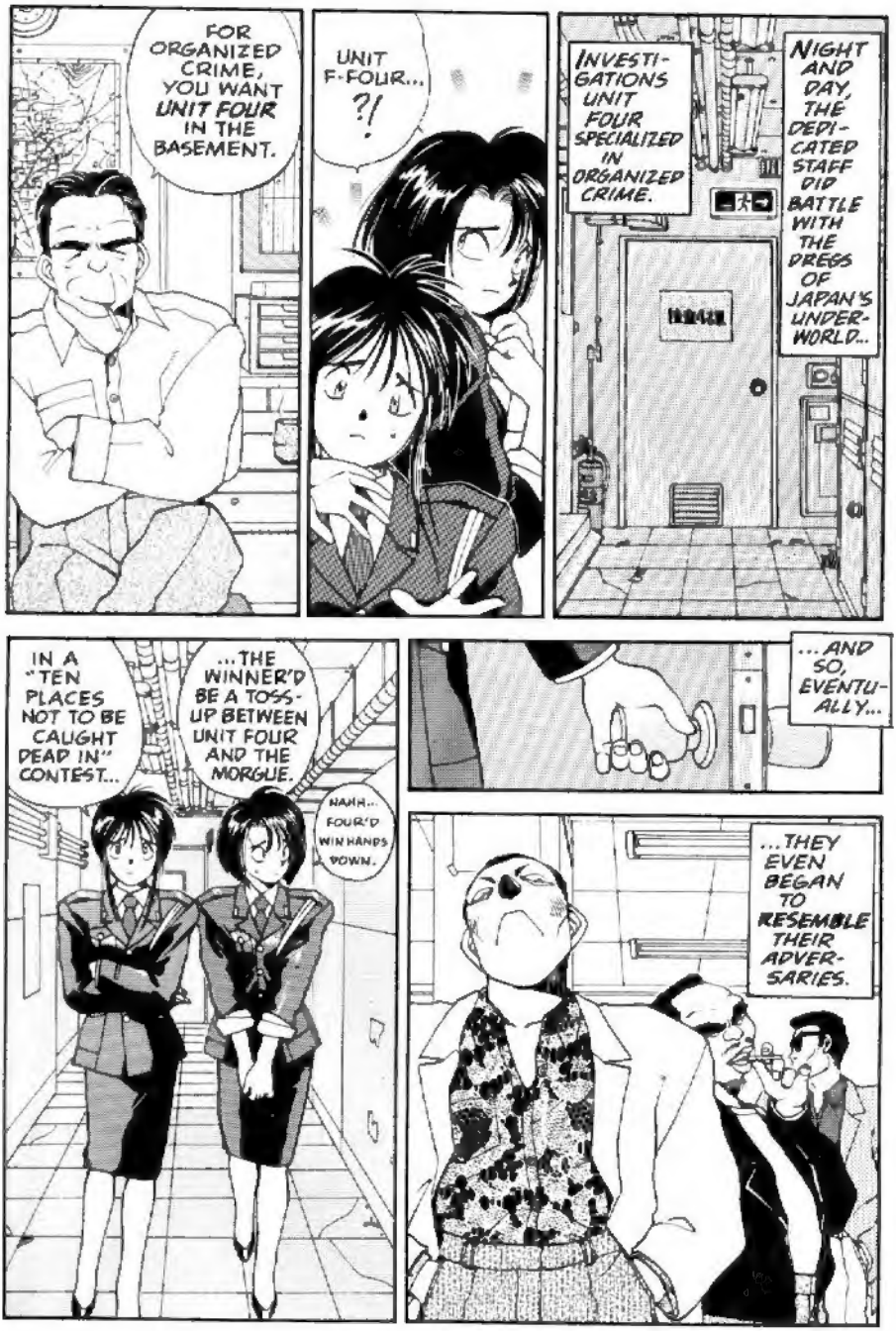

WELL, BE-CAUSE..
I HEARD HE'D COME TO TOKYO AND JOINED THE POLICE FORCE.
...FUTABA WAS THE CAPTAIN OF OUR HIGH-SCHOOL GOLF TEAM.

Oh, YEAH ?!

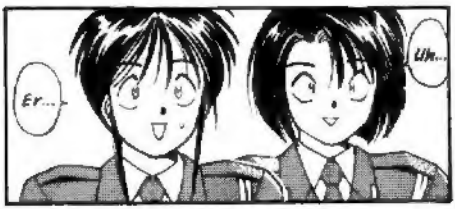
WHY ARE THEY ALL LOOKING AT YOU?
GEE, I DUNNO...
NO WONDER AOI'S BEING COY.

INVESTIGATIONS UNIT NO. 1
OPEN
GANGSTERS FORGING GOLF MEMBER-SHIPS, eh?

SORRY, THAT'S NOT MY DEPART-MENT.


FOR ORGANIZED CRIME, YOU WANT UNIT FOUR IN THE BASEMENT.
UNIT F-FOUR...?!
INVESTIGATIONS UNIT FOUR SPECIALIZED IN ORGANIZED CRIME.
NIGHT AND DAY, THE DEDICATED STAFF DID BATTLE WITH THE DREGS OF JAPAN'S UNDERWORLD...
...AND SO, EVENTUALLY...
IN A "TEN PLACES NOT TO BE CAUGHT DEAD IN" CONTEST...
...THE WINNER'D BE A TOSS-UP BETWEEN UNIT FOUR AND THE MORGUE.
NAHH... FOUR'D WIN HANDS DOWN.
...THEY EVEN BEGAN TO RESEMBLE THEIR ADVERSARIES.

YEAH? WHADDA YOU BROADS WANT?


Er...
Um...

JR

Gee... SHOULDN'T WE BE HELPING THEM OUT?

DON'T WORRY! THOSE TWO ARE MUCH BETTER AT THIS...
...THAN ANY HOTSHOT PRIVATE EYE WOULD BE.

....
SKREECH

THAT'S RIGHT!
Oh!
REIKO!
I FORGOT TO GET YOUR HOTEL AND ROOM NUMBER...
DOORS ARE CLOSING, PLEASE STEP BACK.
Hey
Huh?
WELL, I WAS EXPECTING TO STAY AT FUTABA'S PLACE, SO I DIDN'T RESERVE A HOTEL ROOM.
WHAT?!
THIS FUTABA GUY MUST BE A REAL GENTLEMAN!
NO, HE HAD A REPUTATION AS A REAL LADIES' MAN.
I SEE...

BUT HE WAS ALWAYS VERY KIND TO ME...
YEAH, THAT WAS TRUE...
SHE JUST SEEMED LIKE A LITTLE SISTER TO ME, FOR SOME REASON.
WELL... YOU CAN STAY AT MY PLACE IF YOU LIKE.
WOW! REALLY ?!
YEAH, RIGHT--LIKE SHE WASN'T BANKING ON THAT ALL ALONG.
SHE ALWAYS WAS SNEAKY THAT WAY.
ONE A.M.
MORE TEA, LADIES?
I JUST GOT AN IDDA LEAD OFF DA PHONE!
WOW... WHO'D HAVE GUESSED THEY WERE SUCH NICE GUYS?!

AOI'S CONDO
ORGG... I HARDLY SLEPT A WINK..
RING
PING
HI..?
WHAT?!
NO KIDDING!
WHAT?
POLICE
THERE AREN'T MANY GANGS WITH THE EQUIPMENT TO PRODUCE FORGED GOLF MEMBERSHIPS, RIGHT?
SO WE CHECKED OUT THE ONES THAT ARE KNOWN TO HAVE THEIR OWN PRINTING PRESSES...
.. AND STRUCK PAY DIRT.

THE TOKO-ROZAWA COUNTRY CLUB.
...RUN BY THE UEKI FAMILY
FWHAK
TOKOROZAWA COUNTRY CLUB
AND MISTER BIG HIMSELF IS SCHEDULED TO PLAY THERE TODAY.
Hrm!
Oh, NICE SHOT, SIR!
YOU REALLY THINK HER BROTHER WILL SHOW UP?
I'M SURE!!
THEIR HQ IS TOO HEAVILY GUARDED-- HE CAN'T GET NEAR IT. SO,

Mr YOSHINO OF THE UEKI FAMILY...
...I PRE-SUME?
WHO WANTS TO KNOW?
IT'S HIM!!
I'VE COME TO GET BACK THE MONEY I PAID FOR THAT FAKE GOLF MEMBERSHIP YOU SOLD ME.
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT HE'S TALKING ABOUT. DO YOU, FELLAS?

FREEZE!!
ACK! NOT YET, NATSUMI!!
BUDDA BUDDA
AIYEE!!
DAMN! IS IT THE ASANO FAMILY?!
BUDDA
BUDDA
BOSS! THIS WAY!!

WHIPP
SPAK
SPAK
SPAK
WHO THE HELL ARE THESE PEOPLE, ANYWAY?!
DAMN, THEY DUCKED BEHIND A TREE.
THAT'S WHY YOU SHOULD'VE WAITED, NATSUMI!
HMMM.. THAT GUY'S A PRO
I'LL NEVER NAIL HIM WITH AN AIR GUN.
SO... NOW WHAT?
MERICAN STANDOFF
WHAT'S ALL THE FUSS ABOUT DEAR?
HMM.
Wilson

LEMME JUST BORROW YOUR FIVE IRON FOR A SEC-- OKAY, SIR?
Huh?
CHINK
FWHAK
WHSSHH
UH?!

KRAK!
NICE SHOT!!
HMM, NOT TOO SHABBY...
KRAK KRAK KONK
OOPS ONE TOO MANY
YOU ALWAYS DID HAVE PERFECT CONTROL..
..AOI FUTABA!
OW...!
WHAT?! HOW DID YOU--?
WHEN DID YOU--?
OH, I KNEW RIGHT AWAY!
AFTER ALL, I HAVE A PHOTO OF YOU DRESSED UP IN DRAG...
AT OUR HIGH-SCHOOL FESTIVAL!
HMM SO YOU HAD THESE TENDENCIES EVEN IN HIGH SCHOOL, HUH AOI ?
WELL IT'S NOT QUITE THAT SIMPLE

THE END

DEFEAT OF THE PAINTBALL ARMY

OKAY, SEE YOU TOMORROW!
麻雀
3F
Gee,.. HAVE YOU NOTICED THAT YORIKO DOESN'T HANG OUT WITH US MUCH LATELY?
MAYBE SHE FINALLY FOUND HERSELF A BOY-FRIEND.?
Uh-oh! ALMOST QUARTER AFTER EIGHT! IF I HURRY, MAYBE...
OH, RATS!
WHAT'S THE MATTER?

I ASKED YORIKO TO BRING BACK MY CLINT EASTWOOD CD TODAY
FCHAK
I'LL GO GRAB IT AND BE RIGHT BACK!
CAN'T YOU GET IT FROM HER TOMORROW?
GO!
!

BUDDA
BUDDA
SPAK
SPAK
SPAK
WHA-?!
GUN-FIRE?!
YORIKO!
OH, MY GOD..!
YORIKO!!

ROKUTO POLICE STATION
SO... YOU SAY THERE WERE FIVE OR SIX ASSAILANTS, ALL ARMED WITH PAINTBALL GUNS, AND MASKED SO THAT YOU COULDN'T SEE THEIR FACES.
SOUNDS LIKE ANOTHER OF THOSE RANDOM PAINTBALL SHOOTING INCIDENTS WE'VE HAD AROUND HERE. THEY MENTIONED THAT AT THIS MORNING'S ROLL CALL, REMEMBER?
YEAH
WELL, NEXT TIME, DON'T FAINT ON ME LIKE THAT! THOSE WERE ONLY PAINTBALLS!
I EVEN CALLED AN AMBU-LANCE!
BUT I WAS COVERED WITH BLOOD... AT LEAST IT LOOKED LIKE BLOOD!
I REALLY THOUGHT I WAS DYING!
WE ALSO FOUND A 6mm PLASTIC PELLET ON THE SCENE.
JUDGING BY THE WEIGHT, IT WAS MADE IN THE U.S.A.

I MISSED MY DATE, GOT MY PURSE STOLEN.. THIS REALLY SUCKS!!
I CALLED THE RECORD COMPANY-- THEY SAID IT WAS OUT OF PRINT. I SPENT TEN MONTHS AND TWENTY-THREE DAYS SEARCHING USED RECORD STORES BEFORE I FINALLY FOUND IT THE CD OF MY DREAMS, CLINT EASTWOOD'S GREATEST HITS!!
GACK!! DID YOU HAVE MY CLINT EAST-WOOD CD IN YOUR PURSE?!
YES, I DID.
ONLY 900 MADE
A $75 COLLECTOR'S ITEM
I.. I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!!
COULD THIS BE THE END FOR "DIRTY HARRY"..?!
WILL I NEVER AGAIN HEAR HIM SAY, "YOU GOTTA ASK YOURSELF ONE QUESTION: DO I FEEL LUCKY? WELL, DO YA, PUNK?"
WILL THE CRACK OF HIS 44 MAGNUM, THE MOST POWERFUL HANDGUN IN THE WORLD, NEVER AGAIN RING THROUGH MY APARTMENT?
AW, C'MON, NATSUMI...
..CALM DOWN, WILL YOU?

FAIR, BUT COLDER
WE CAN EXPECT UNSEASONABLY LOW TEMPERATURES FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS.
I CAN'T EVEN HEAR THE TV!
YOU-CAN'T-HEAR-
THE STUPID TV?!?!
HOW... HOW CAN YOU BE SO INSENSITIVE WHEN OTHERS ARE SUFFERING?!
YEAH, GEE WHIZ, MIYUKI !!
WHAT ABOUT MY DATE, MY CLOTHES, MY PURSE?!
LOOK-- THERE'S ONLY ONE STORE IN THE AREA THAT IMPORTS AND SELLS THIS PARTICULAR PLASTIC PELLET!
REALLY?
FOR SURE?
ICE!

IT'S OPEN UNTIL ELEVEN, SO WHY DON'T WE GO CHECK IT OUT RIGHT NOW?
POLICE
AIR GUN SH
TYPE 99
WELCOME
YEP, IT SURE AS HELL LOOKS LIKE ONE OF OUR IMPORTS...
..BUT I HAVE NO WAY OF TELLING WHICH OF OUR CUSTOMERS BOUGHT 'EM.
WE'VE SOLD OVER 500 BOXES OF THIS BRAND ALONE, LADIES. SORRY.
HELP WANTED
HMMM FRESHLY OPENED CANS OF HOT COFFEE
TOILET
WE GOT STUN GUNS
EXCUSE ME, BUT I WONDER IF I COULD USE YOUR BATHROOM...?
AND SEVERAL SETS OF COMBAT-BOOT PRINTS.
GACK!

NO! I MEAN, SORRY!
UH... THE TOILET'S, ER, BROKEN!
OIL
POL
OH, WELL, I GUESS THERE'S A PUBLIC RESTROOM IN THE PARK DOWN THE STREET.
YEAH!
OH ONE MORE THING
SEE IF YOU CAN COME UP WITH THE NAMES OF ABOUT SIX CUSTOMERS WHO ARE REALLY LOUSY SHOTS
IT WAS OBVIOUS FROM THE EVIDENCE THAT THEY COULDN'T SHOOT STRAIGHT..
POL
MOONMAN
KLIK
WHAM
THAT GODDAMN BITCH!

CALLIN' US LOUSY SHOTS!
HEY, WHY ARE THE COPS AFTER YOU?
WHAT'VE YOU BAD BOYS BEEN UP TO, ANYWAY?
Notice!
LISTEN, GRAMPS, WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERN..
BUT IT REALLY AIN'T NONE OF YOUR FRIGGIN' BUSINESS!
LET'S GO, MEN!!
YOU IDIOTS REALLY SHOULDN'T USE FREON JUST BECAUSE IT'S EASIER..
THERE'S THEIR CAR
TARGETS IN SIGHT!
DON'T LET 'EM GET AWAY, MEN!!

KACHAK
ICE
KLIK
SPAK
SPAK
AIEE!
THEY'RE ARMED!!
SPREAD OUT!!
PERFECT.. THEY SPLIT UP! NOW WE'VE GOT 'EM RIGHT WHERE WE WANT 'EM!

DAMN, IT'S COLDER'N HELL OUT TONIGHT.
KCHAK
!!
BUDA
BUDA
HEY! WHAT THE HELL--?!
KSHH

STEAL MY CLINT EASTWOOD CD WILL YOU?!
TAKE A WHIFF OF THIS!!
!!
BOMF
HAHH-CHOO!
HA-CHOO!
IT IT'S PEPPER!!
I'LL SAY THIS FOR NATSUMI WHEN SHE GETS MAD SHE REALLY KNOWS HOW TO GET EVEN

!!
OOPS
HEY!! YOU'RE STEPPING IN DOG DOO-DOO!!
YECH!
I LIED.
SPLAT
N-NO FAIR!
MUCH AS I HATE STOOPING TO SUCH UNDERHANDED TACTICS...
AIEE! I'M BLIND!!

AIYEEE!!
HOW CAN THESE TWO DUMB DAMES BE DOING THIS TO US?!
SPAK SPAK
I'M HIT!!
MAYBE THEY'RE DEATH DEMONS FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION?!
HEADS UP, BUDDY!
DAMN!
ARGG!!
THE FREON GAS IS TOO COLD!!
fffff

GAME, SET, AND MATCH!
WE USED HAND-PUMPED AIR TANKS, SEE?
YOU BOYS OUGHTTA WATCH YOUR WEATHER REPORTS.
IF THE TEMPERATURE'S TOO LOW, YOUR FREON WON'T VAPORIZE PROPERLY.
ARG!
WE BLEW IT
WHEN YOU START VICTIMIZING INNOCENT BYSTANDERS, IT'S NOT A GAME ANYMORE, YOU GUYS!
PAINTBALL GUNS AND AIR GUNS ARE TOO DANGEROUS FOR YOU BOYS TO BE PLAYING AROUND WITH!
SO INSTEAD
THAT'S BETTER!
POOR GUYS!
POP
POP
SPRING LOADED PELLET GUNS YECH

SEE YOU NEXT ISSUE!!

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STRIKEMAN VS.
HOME-RUN GIRL

STEEE-
RIKE!!
AE
E!
IT'S FILTH LIKE YOU THAT GIVE THIS TOWN A BAD NAME!!
YOU DESPIC-ABLE SCUM!
Nya Ha Ha!
BUT NOW YOU HAVE THE ENTIRE NIGHT TO RUE YOUR EVIL WAYS!!
HEY! WOW!

C'MON, NATSUMI - WAKE UP!
YAWWN IT'S TOO DAMN EARLY TO BE WORKING...
Oh, NO!!
IS IT--?!
NOTICE.
THIS MAN IS GUILTY OF PUBLIC URINATION AND DRUNKENNESS. HE HAS BEEN PUNISHED ACCORDINGLY
EEE/YUK! DON'T TOUCH HIM.
THE AMAZING STRIKEMAN!
!!

BOKUTO POLICE STATION
WHAT THE HECK IS THIS?!
STRIKEMAN
STRIKES OUT JAYWALKER WITH FASTBALL
"NO LEADS," SAY POLICE
THEY'RE TREATING HIM LIKE SOME KINDA WEIRD ROBIN HOOD!!
#68 BUS STOP
UTATANE STREET
TO O'FARRELL THEATRE VIA POLK
NOTICE
THIS MAN IS GUILTY OF EXTORTION. HE HAS BEEN PUNISHED ACCORDINGLY
ARGG.. SAY, YOU FINISH THAT REPORT YET?
SKRSH
FINISH?! GEE, MAYBE I COULD IF YOU'D HELP OUT A LITTLE! THIS IS YOUR CASE, TOO!
STRIKE-MAN HAS STRUCK AGAIN!!
FIRE

BOY, HE REALLY FIXED THIS GUY, DIDN'T HE?
HEY, MIYUKI!
THIS YOUNG LADY SEEMS TO BE A VICTIM OF--
THEN YOU SAW THE PERPE-TRATOR OF THIS CRIME, DIDN'T YOU?!
YES, I DID.
CLEAR AS DAY!
WHAT?! STRIKE-MAN HAS STRUCK THIS LITTLE GIRL?!
NO, NO, NO!
SHE'S THE VICTIM OF THE EXTORTIONIST WHO WAS STRUCK BY STRIKEMAN.
COMPLI CATED, A N'T T?

AND THAT'S THE CRIMINAL, RIGHT THERE!!
THAT NICE STRIKEMAN IS NO CRIMINAL! HE JUST SAVED ME FROM THIS HORRIBLE MAN!
...
WELL, WE JUST WASTED A DAY RUNNING AROUND IN CIRCLES...
...WITH NOTHING TO SHOW FOR IT.
I'LL FEED THE METER, OKAY?

SO... WHERE'D YOU AGREE TO MEET AOI?
AT ELDLAD IN THE STATION BUILDING.
...DOWN-STAIRS BY THE VENDING MACHINES.
ELDLAD
!!
HONDA
WILL YOU LOOK AT THAT!!
NNGRR!!
STRIKE
FOOLS! IDIOTS!
CAN'T THESE PATHETIC SCUM READ?!

IT'S TIME FOR... THE STRIKE-DRIVER!!
PSSHH
THE DEADLY AIR STRIKE !!
FFSSHH
OH, DEAR! SOMEONE FORGOT THEIR CHANGE!
KLUNK
THAT MONEY AIN'T YOURS, SISTER!!

BUT WAIT--!
I'LL JUST PUT IT IN THE SLOT FOR THE NEXT CUSTOMER.. tee hee
HAH!! I WOULD HAVE SWORN THEY DIDN'T MAKE 'EM LIKE YOU ANYMORE, YOUNG LADY!
CLAP CLAP CLAP
HUH? WHAT? Er
OKAY
HERE. PLEASE TAKE THIS AS A TOKEN OF MY APPRECIATION!
FOX FOX FOX
Um, THANKS ..
AND STAY JUST THE WAY YOU ARE, MY DEAR!
Nyaha Ha!!
BUT.. BUT.

SORRY WE'RE LATE!
HEY... WHAT'S THAT?
WELL, um, THIS WEIRD GUY JUST GAVE IT TO ME..
STRIKEMAN
WHAT?! THAT WAS STRIKE-MAN!!
QUICK!! WHICH WAY'D HE GO?!
Uh, THAT WAY...
C'MON!! WE JUST MIGHT BE ABLE TO CATCH HIM!!
LET'S TAKE THE CAR!!
ORGG. STRIKE-MAN STRIKES AGAIN!
JUST HOW MUCH DID YOU PUT IN THE METER, DEAR?!
SO... WHAT DID HE LOOK LIKE?
STUCKY'S

WELL, HE WAS ABOUT SIX FOOT TWO...
MUSCULAR BUILD, MASKED..
..AND HE WORE A CAPE.
SIX FOOT TWO... MUSCULAR BUILD...
I AM POLICE-MAN!
POLICE
NAKA-JIMA?!!!
...MASK, CAPE.. Hmm.
Oh, COME ON!
IT CAN'T BE HIM!
THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA!
WAIT A SEC ..

HEY, WASH IT, HIC PAL!
HEY, BAYBEE... WHATSH YER PRICE?
HIC
GET LOST CREEP!
HATE THE SIN, NOT THE SINNER!!
I AM THE AMAZING STRIKEMAN!!
DRUNK IN PUBLIC! HARASSING INNOCENT WOMEN!
THIS WILL NOT DO!!
I HEREBY BRAND BOTH OF YOU WITH THE MARK OF INFAMY-- STRIKE STICKERS!!
FWAP
FWAP

?!?
NYA HA HA!!
YOU WERE TOO EASY ON THEM, YOU FOOLISH IMPOSTOR!
YOU CAN'T STRIKE AT THE VERY ROOTS OF EVIL WITH A WIMPY STICKER!
NOW--I MAKE WAY FOR A REAL STRIKE!!
VWHSSH
AIEE!

SMOKED YA OUT, DID WE?!
G-GIMME BACK MY STRIKE-BALL!!
IT'S ALL WELL AND GOOD TO FIGHT ON THE SIDE OF JUSTICE...
...BUT NOT BY COM-MITTING CRIMES YOURSELF!
ULP!

GRRR!! FOOLISH MORTALS! I AM JUSTICE ITSELF!!
TASTE THE STING OF MY ULTRA STRIKE BALL!!
NATSUMI!!
YOU CALL THAT JUSTICE?!
GOT IT!!

KEERACK!
!?
M-MY. MY BEST FASTBALL... MAYBE..
...I DON'T HAVE WHAT IT TAKES, AFTER ALL.
WHDD
GOTTA GO HOME AND WORK ON MY JUSTNESS... BUT WE'LL MEET AGAIN--
HOME-RUN GIRL!!
HEY!! WHADDYA MEAN, "HOME-RUN GIRL"?!
DON'T CALL ME NAMES!!
WE'RE NOT LETTING YOU OFF THAT EASY! C'MON, NATSUMI!!
THAT BOY PLAYS DIRTY.
HE GOT OUR TIRE AGAIN

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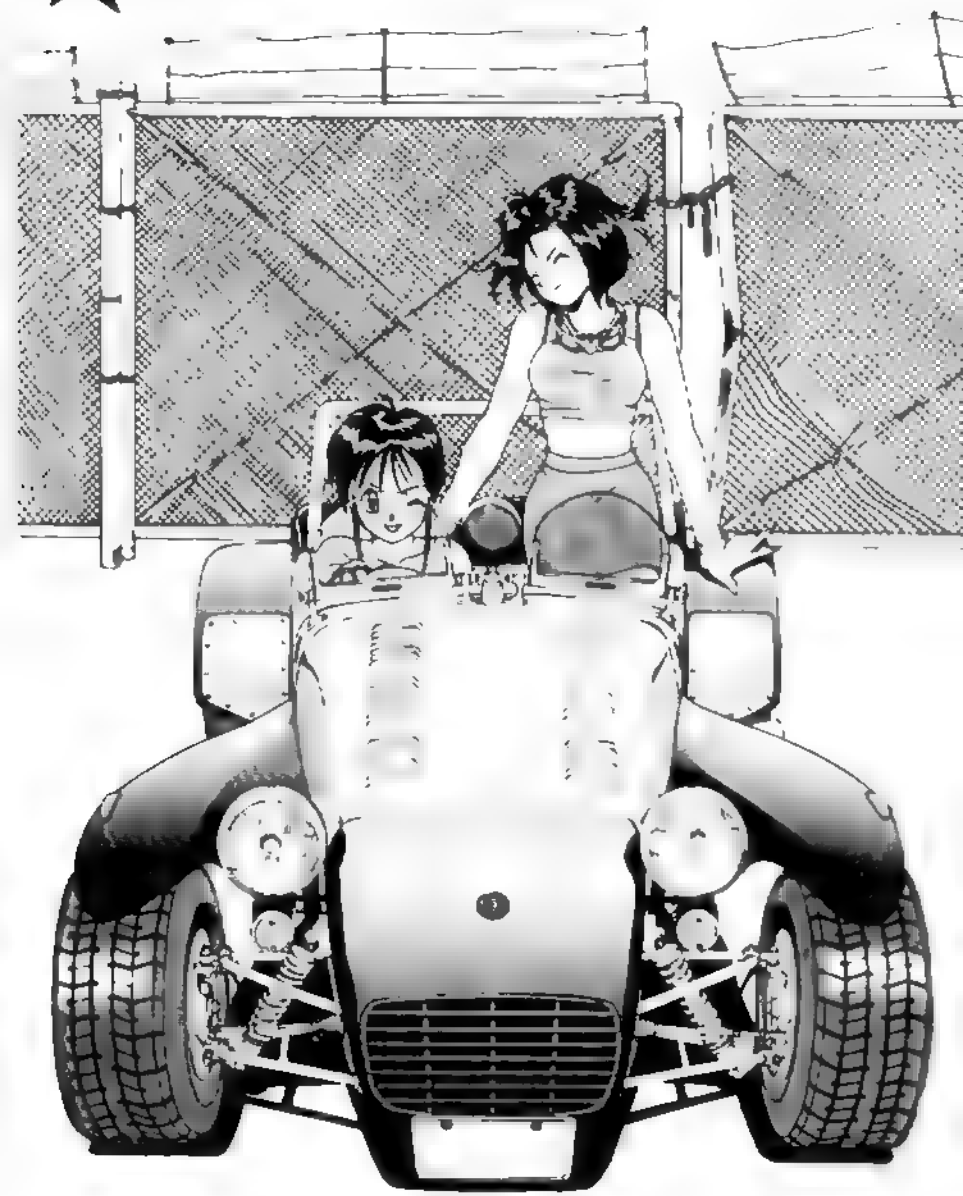
STRIKEMAN RETURNS!

THIS EPISODE: A DEADLY NEW WEAPON



TOP OF THE NINTH, TIGERS UP. AT BAT IS...
...NUMBER FOUR, WOLE-BERG.
GRR
STRIKEMAN'S BEEN QUIET LATELY, HASN'T HE?
UH-OH, IT'S A BEAN-BALL!!
BUT HE PROMISED YOU'D MEET AGAIN...
THAT'S RIGHT, "HOME-RUN GIRL"!
AW, SHADDUP!!
NOW, NOW!
THE WOLF-MAN'S GOING BALLISTIC!!
GIANTS
SWITCH CHANNELS, WILL YA? I DON'T WANNA BE REMINDED.
THE REST OF THE TEAM IS JOINING IN--IT'S A FREE-FOR-ALL!!

NYA HA HA HA!!
TH-THAT HORRIBLE LAUGH... IT'S --
NOW, NOW-- IT'S NOT NICE TO FIGHT, BOYS!!
KRAK
WHUP
STRIKE
WHAT?! IT LOOKS LIKE... IT IS!! STRIKEMAN HAS JOINED THE FIGHT!!
UH-OH!! NOMO WAS TRYING TO BREAK IT UP, BUT HE GOT PUNCHED OUT, TOO!
S-STRIKE-MAN!!
ALIVE AND WELL, IS HE?

JUSTICE IS... LOVE!!
JUSTICE IS... PURITY!!
AND MOST OF ALL, JUSTICE IS.. STRIKEMAN!!
I'M BACK, HOME-RUN GIRL! AND I'M LOOKING FOR YOU!!
OOH! DIDJA HEAR THAT?
I AM NOT INTERESTED
FOOLS! WHY CAN'T THEY RESOLVE THEIR DIFFERENCES PEACEFULLY...?!
UMM EXCUSE ME
HUH?

Y-YOU'RE THE STRIKE-MAN.
...AREN'T YOU?
YES, INDEED, THAT IS WHAT THEY CALL ME!
YOU'VE GOT TO HELP ME!!
I'VE GOT NO ONE ELSE TO TURN TO!
STRIKEMAN HAS A FATAL WEAKNESS FOR FEMALE TEARS, AND FOR CLEAVAGE
NOW, NOW, LITTLE LADY!
LEAVE EVERYTHING TO ME!!

HOH HOH
"STRIKEMAN STRIKES OUT WITH HOME RUN GIRL" "MYSTERY BATTER RUMORED TO BE POLICEWOMAN"
NOW WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT HOME RUN GIRL
I WONDER IF HE'LL REALLY SHOW UP
AHHH I WONDER
I CAN'T BELIEVE HE'D REALLY GO THIS FAR
BUT I GUESS IT'S IN THE CAUSE OF JUSTICE SORT OF
STRIKEMAN

THAP
Ah-
HAH!
SO, THIS IS THE EVIL LOAN-SHARK'S OFFICE, eh?!
WOE TO YOU, BLOOD-SUCKING PARASITES !!
I ADVANCE MASKED, CAPE FLAPPING IN THE WIND.
YEP, HE'S HERE, ALL RIGHT.
TARGET SIGHTED! EVERYONE STAND BY!
KA-WHAMM
REPENT, DOERS OF EVIL!!

GOOD MORNING TO YOU, SIR! ARE YOU HERE FOR OUR SPECIAL, NO-COLLATERAL, "SUMMER FUN" LOAN?
夏こそ
HOW MUCH WOULD YOU LIKE TO BORROW?
WELL, UHH... HOW ABOUT ALL THE CASH YOU HAVE ON HAND?
Ack!!
STRIKE-MAN ALSO HAS A WEAK-NESS FOR THE FEMALE SMILE
THANK YOU! COME AGAIN.
FUNNY... THEY DON'T REALLY SEEM LIKE A LOAN-SHARKING OPERATION
EZ LOAN
NOT TOO BRIGHT
I'M SURPRISED HE DIDN'T CATCH ON
YORI TO HOME BASE! EVERYTHING WENT EXACTLY AS PLANNED!

Uh-oh!!
SO! YOU REVEAL YOUR TRUE NATURE AT LAST, eh?!
GACK!! HOME-RUN GIRL!!
LOOKS LIKE YOU SHOULD CHANGE YOUR NAME FROM "STRIKEMAN" TO "RIP-OFF MAN"
Ngmf! Mrf!! Gmph!
TRY IT WITHOUT THE BRIEFCASE IN YOUR MOUTH, EINSTEIN.
I'M ON A MISSION, HOME-RUN GIRL!! TO HELP A BROTHER AND SISTER WHO'VE BEEN VICTIMIZED BY HIGH-INTEREST LOANS FROM THESE LOWLIFE LOAN SHARKS!

YES!! JUSTICE MUST BE DONE!!
AND FOR JUSTICE, THE END JUSTIFIES THE MEANS!!
BRMMBB
BETTER WRAP THIS UP QUICK.
Hee,hee. LISTENING TO THIS GUY TALK MAKES ME WANT TO LAUGH.
YOU BETTER WATCH OUT, HOME-RUN GIRL! I'VE ADDED SOMETHING NEW TO MY ARSENAL SO I CAN BEAT YOU FAIR AND SQUARE!

I'LL NEVER FORGET HOW YOU HIT THAT HOME RUN OFF ME LAST TIME..
?
...
WHO'S THAT? SECURITY GUARD FOR THE LOAN COMPANY, MAYBE ..?
FIRST BASE! PREPARE TO TAIL A SUSPECT!
TEN-FOUR!
BEEP BEEP
OOPS!
GREAT SCOTT! LOOK AT THE TIME!
KRAK

NEARLY FORGOT WHAT I CAME HERE FOR! NOW, I MUST AWAY!!
OUR SHOWDOWN WILL HAVE TO WAIT, HOME-RUN GIRL!!
DAMN IT, STOP CALLING ME THAT!!
NYA HA HA
RATS-- I ONLY GOT ONE!
LET'S GO!
GOTCHA!
VRRM

FIRST BASE TO HOME! I'M NOW TAILING THE VAN!
WOW...! LOOK AT HIM GO!
HOW CAN HE RUN SO FAST WITH TWO BRIEFCASES FULL OF MONEY AND WEARING A PAIR OF MOTORCYCLE BOOTS?!
NATSUMI !!
USE THIS TO GRAB THE MONEY, THEN HEAD FOR THE RENDEZVOUS!

BRAPPP
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS THING?!
SKREE
WHOA! WHOA!!
I THINK I'D RATHER BE WALKING!
VRRR
WOW, LOOK AT THAT LITTLE 125cc ENGINE GO!
GLAD I DIDN'T HAVE TO TEST IT.
BOATS
RENTALS

SON OF A BITCH!! ALL THESE BILLS ARE FAKE!!
"PRAISE A FOOL AND MAKE HIM USEFUL," THEY SAY-- BUT I GUESS SOME FOOLS ARE COMPLETELY USELESS, huh?
HEY, IT WAS FUN, ANYWAY.
WHAT A SCREAM TO SEE THOSE TWO TOGETHER. HIM AND THAT DITZY POLICE CHICK!
BABBLIN' ABOUT STRIKES AN' HOME RUNS...
HAW!
YEAH, WISH I COULD HEAR THAT ALL OVER AGAIN!
OH, YOU DO, DO YOU?
IF YOU WANNA HEAR IT SO BAD...
...THEN I GUESS WE'LL JUST HAVE TO OBLIGE YOU!!

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MOM'S ONLY TWENTY (?!)

AWW, C'MON, MIYUKI... YOU DON'T HAFTA COOK ME DINNER, REALLY!
I KNOW... BUT ALL YOU EVER EAT IS INSTANT RAMEN.
BESIDES, WE'VE ALL GOT THE EVENING AND TOMORROW OFF
HEY, MIYUKI. MAYBE HE'S SECRETLY KEEPING ANOTHER WOMAN IN THERE!
WHA?! WHY?! YOU'RE CRAZY! I'D NEVER DO THAT!!
CALM DOWN. I BELIEVE YOU.

WELL, THERE IT IS.
Ooh. A CATERHAM SUPER 7!
LOOKS PRETTY NICE
Ooh... MAYBE THE PLACE IS FULL OF DIRTY MAGAZINES, huh?
Oh, COME ON, NATSUMI !!!
NOW, YOU TWO LADIES STAY OUT HERE 'TIL I GIVE YA THE GO-AHEAD!
THE PLACE IS A PIGSTY-- I GOTTA CLEAN UP A LITTLE
AEEE!
HEY, WELCOME BACK--
--KEN, HONEY!

MY GOD IT'S TRUE! HE REALLY DOES HAVE A WOMAN IN THERE!
C'MON, IN YUKI!
HANG IN THERE, GIRL!
PNUMP
KNK
EVEN A PORNO COLLECTION WOULD BE EASIER TO FORGIVE THAN THIS!
W-WHO ARE YOU?!
EH?
GOOD HEAVENS, IS THAT ANY WAY TO TALK TO YOUR DEAR, OLD
MOM?!
MY GOODNESS! DON'T ALL OF YOU LOOK SURPRISED!

EXCUSE ME, BUT.. YOU LOOK AWFULLY YOUNG. DO YOU MIND TELLING ME.. ?
NOT AT ALL. I'LL BE TWENTY NEXT MONTH!
OKAY... NOW WE GET IT-- YOU'RE HIS DAD'S NEW BRIDE!
ALMOST RIGHT.
LET'S SEE... 20-26=6. SO... YOU WERE BORN SIX YEARS AFTER YOUR SON..
THIS DOES NOT COMPUTE
LOOKS LIKE I'VE REALLY CONFUSED THEM NOW...
WAIT. IF SHE WAS 16, KEN COULD BE 4... NO...
BUT THAT CRANKY OLD DAIMARU WON'T ACTUALLY SIGN THE PAPERS...
MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE
HUSBAND Daimaru Nakajima
BIRTHDATE 1 45
ADDRESS 14-21 2 Kawanokoshi, Suzuka City Mie Prefecture
WIFE Sena Wakabayashi
BIRTHDATE 7-28-76
ADDRESS (same as husband)
...UNTIL I'VE MET HIS TERMS.
TERMS? LIKE WHAT?
I HAVE TO GET KEN HERE TO CALL ME "MOM."
DAMN IT, WHY DOES MY DAD ALWAYS DO THIS TO ME?!
HE MAKES THESE IMPOSSIBLE DEMANDS...

Oh, I DON'T THINK IT'S LIKE THAT AT ALL.
HE'S ONLY TRYING TO DO WHAT'S BEST FOR YOU!
OTHERWISE HE WOULDN'T MAKE IT A CONDITION FOR OUR MARRIAGE...
...WOULD HE?
Hmmm, WELL.
MAYBE NOT
I GUESS
Oh, DON'T BE LIKE THAT, KEN!
SHE ACTUALLY SEEMS PRETTY MATURE FOR SOMEONE HER AGE!
WELL, MAYBE NOT
SO, C'MON !!
CALL ME "MOM," YOU LI'L RASCAL, YOU! Hee, hee!
!!
NO NO NO!! I JUST CAN'T CALL YOU THAT!!
AWW, PLEASE PRETTY PLEEEASE! JUST ONCE!!

THANKS FOR DINNER, GANG!
BYE-BYE, KEN! I'M HEADING HOME FOR THE NIGHT...
..BUT I'LL BE BACK TOMORROW!
HEY-- WHERE IS "HOME," ANYWAY?!
YOUR DADDY'S PLACE, WHERE ELSE?! SEE YA!
BRMMB
WHAT'S WRONG WITH HER STAYING AT YOUR DAD'S?
C'MON, KEN, YOUR DAD'S A BIG BOY NOW
THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM!!
MY DAD LIVES IN SUZUKA, FER CRYIN' OUT LOUD!!
SUZUKA? THAT'S NEARLY 300 MILES FROM HERE!
WAY DOWN IN MIE!
SHE SAID SHE'S COMING BACK TOMORROW, TOO!

THE NEXT DAY
Dingg Dongg
OORGG... IT'S ONLY NINE.
Dingg Dongg
WAIT A SEC-- NO WAY?!
MORNING, KENNY!

YOU'VE GOT THE DAY OFF, RIGHT? SO LET'S GO SHOPPING!!
Uh. D-DID YOU REALLY GO BACK TO SUZUKA?!
SURE DID-- AND HERE'S A LITTLE SOMETHIN' FOR YA!
YOUR DAD SAYS YOU LIKE THESE PASTRIES FROM Mr GOTO'S SHOP
HOW'D SHE MAKE IT THERE AND BACK IN ONE NIGHT?!
SKR
EEEEE
HOKUTO-1 TO ALL UNITS.
OUR SUBJECTS HAVE GOTTEN OFF TO A GOOD START.
SO YOU CAN ALL RELAX.

.. SEEING AS YOU'RE ALL SPYING ON 'EM ANYWAY.
SORRY, GUESS I KINDA BLEW IT BY TELLING EVERYBODY
SOMEHOW I GET THE FEELING WE'RE BEING WATCHED.
OOO, LOOK!
BUY THIS FOR ME, WILL YA, KEN?
GIVE ME A BREAK, SENA!
AW, C'MON-- IT'S FOR YOUR DEAR OL' MOM, RIGHT?
WHOA, THERE!
Ulp!
IT'S SO SWEET FOR YOUR BOYFRIEND TO BUY YOU A PRESENT!
ACTUALLY, HE'S MY SON.
Huh?!

WELL, WHADDAYA KNOW LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE GETTING ALONG JUST FINE!
TRUE ENOUGH.
BUT THE POINT WASN'T TO HAVE THEM STROLLING AROUND ARM IN ARM!
WE'VE STILL GOT TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO GET HIM TO CALL HER "MOM"!
I MEAN... OTHERWISE WHO KNOWS WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN WITH A CUTE, YOUNG THING LIKE THAT AROUND.?
NYA HA
HA!!
YUCK!! THAT WOULD BE INCEST, WOULDN'T IT?
WELL, SHE'S NOT MARRIED YET.
OF COURSE EVEN IF SHE WERE
HEY, uh... SENA..
YEAH ?
LOOK... WHY DO YOU WANT TO MARRY MY OLD MAN, ANYWAY?
Hee hee!

IT WAS THE FIRST TIME ANYONE EVER BEAT ME ON THAT MOUNTAIN PASS--MY OWN TURF, AND ON A MOTORCYCLE, NO LESS!
IT PRETTY MUCH BLEW MY MIND.
THEN, WHEN I CAUGHT UP WITH HIM AT A REST AREA AND TOLD HIM HE SEEMED TO KNOW THIS ROAD PRETTY WELL...
NAW, THAT WAS MY FIRST TIME.
I JUST ASKED THE ROAD TO SHOW ME THE WAY, Y'KNOW?
THAT'S WHEN I REALIZED THIS WAS, LIKE, NO ORDINARY OLD GUY!
AT THAT MOMENT, I KNEW HE WAS THE MAN FOR ME!
LOOK, SENA-- I HAVE NOTHING AGAINST YOU TWO GETTING HITCHED.
IT'S JUST..

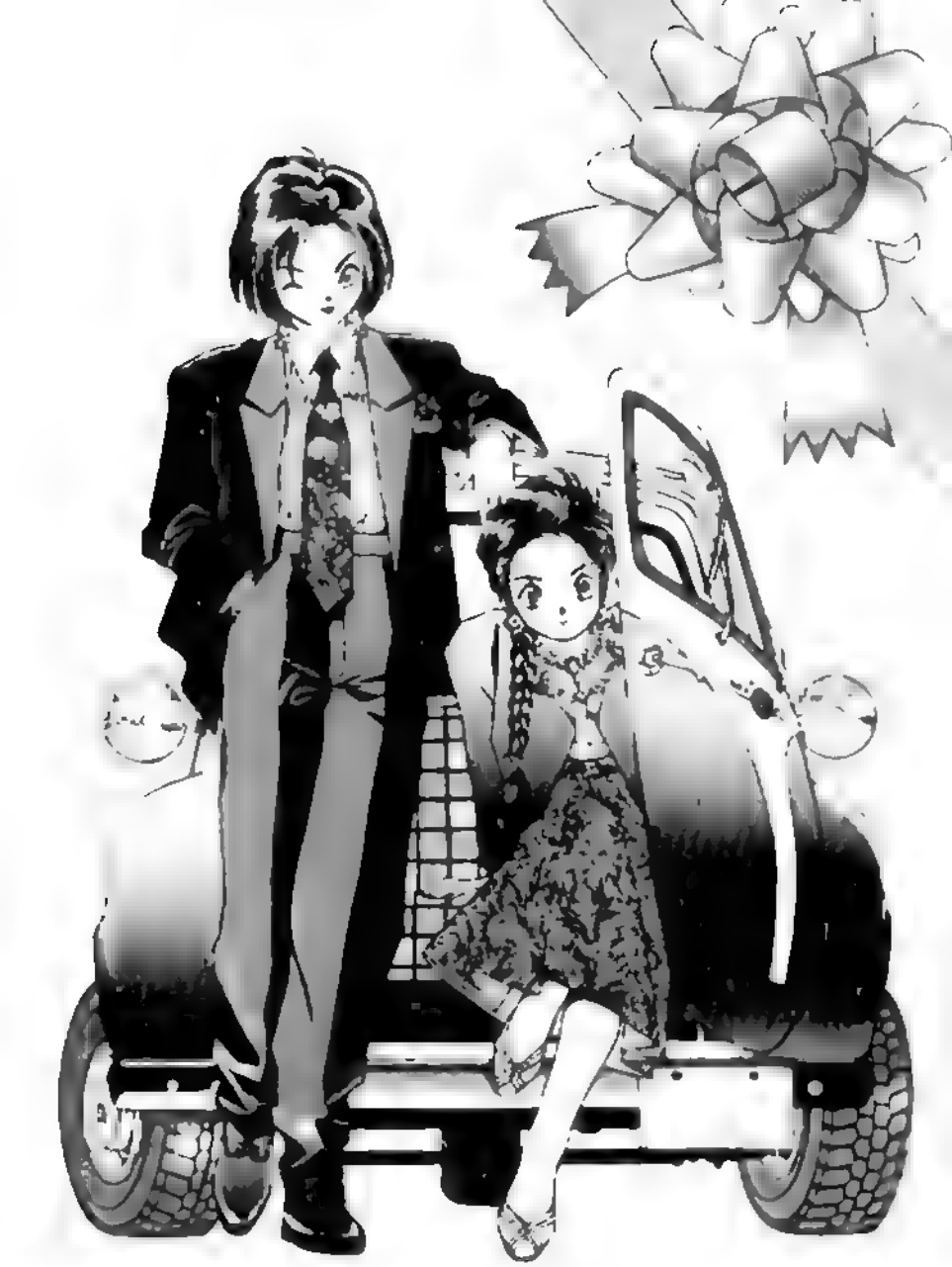
Murph
HEY, I UNDERSTAND! IT'S HARD TO SAY "MOM" TO SOMEONE YOUNGER THAN YOU ARE, RIGHT?
ANYWAY, I'VE DECIDED NOT TO RUSH THINGS.
LET'S JUST START OUT BY BEING FRIENDS, 'KAY?
LEMME GO STICK THIS STUFF IN THE CAR, THEN LET'S HAVE LUNCH!
TOO LATE! THERE SHE GOES.
YOU COULD'VE SAID JUST ONE LITTLE WORD!
AWRIGHT! GOT IT!!
HEY!!

LET'S BOOK, MAN!
RIGHT !!
BRMMBB
FWAP
HUH?
EH?
BRRMMBBB
HEY... ISN'T THAT YOUR MOM'S SUPER 7...?!

!!
OH. MY GOD! SENA!!
ARE YOU OKAY?!
I.. I'M ALL RIGHT. I'M JUST GLAD I DIDN'T LOSE THIS--MY FIRST PRESENT FROM MY NEW SON!
BUT...
...I WISH YOU COULD'VE YELLED "MOM"...JUST THIS ONCE...
OH, WELL...
I'LL SAY IT, I'LL SAY IT! AS MANY TIMES AS YOU WANT.

MOM!!
WELL, WHADDAYA KNOW!
HE ACTUALLY SAID IT!
GEEZ... LOOK AT THAT! I SKINNED MY ELBOW!
CALLING ALL SPECTA-TORS! ALL IS WELL!!
NOW-- LET'S NAIL THOSE CAR THIEVES!!
ISN'T THIS OVERKILL SORTA?
LOOKS LIKE THE WHOLE STATION
POLICE
POLICE

THE END



THE SANTA FROM HELL

TIME FOR OUR ANNUAL RUN, OL BUDDY
NOW'S YOUR CHANCE.
TO SHOW YOUR STUFF!
RMMBBBRAPPBAP
BRRP
SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE RARIN' TO GO, TOO!
SKREEE
WE'RE ON OUR WAY, BLACK DRAGON!!
IT'S OUR SWORN MISSION TO BRING...
CHRISTMAS CHEER TO ONE AND ALL!

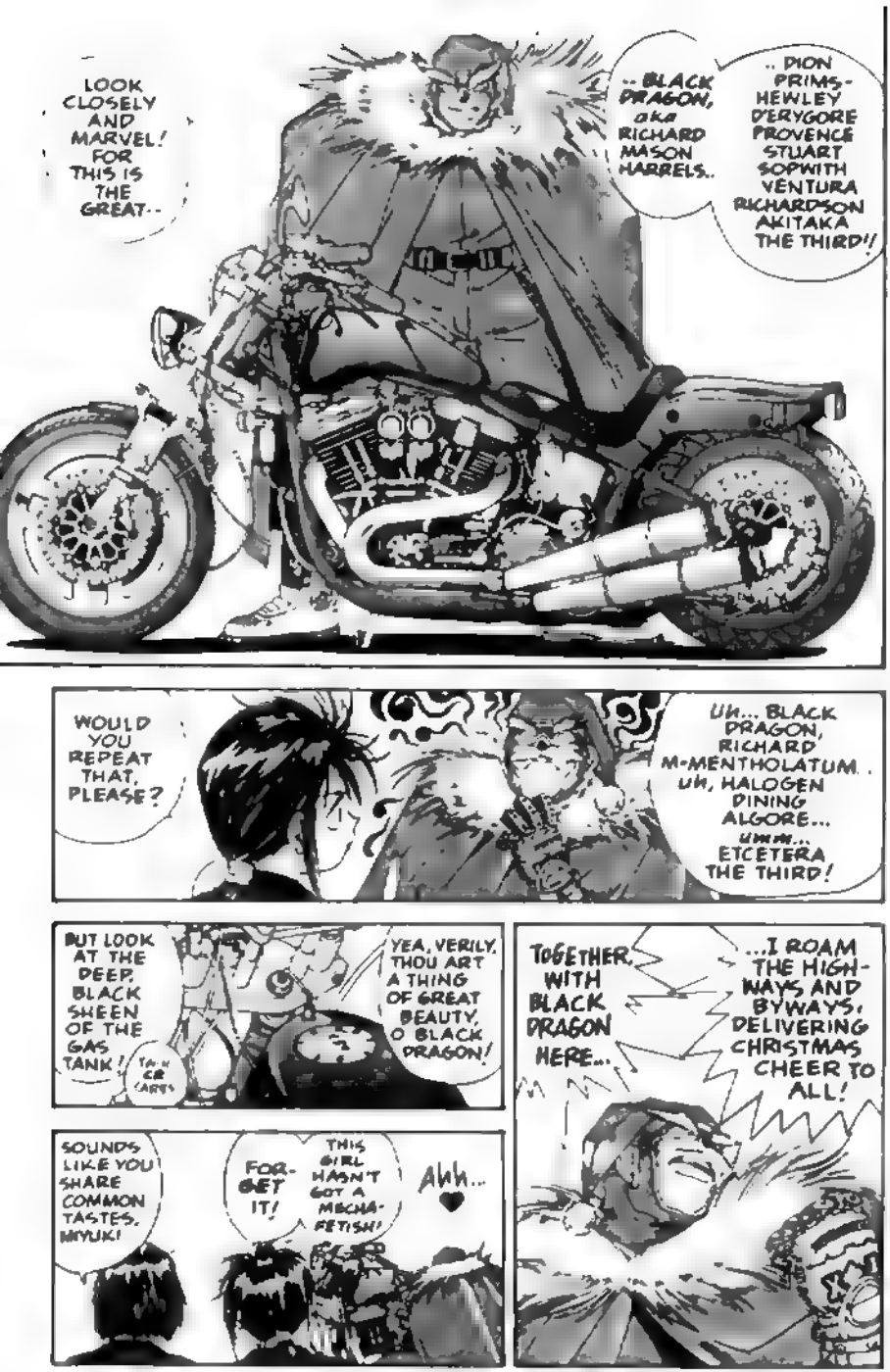
TA-DAH!
SO WHAT DO YOU THINK?!
MMM!
MIYUKI
I PUT MY HEART AND SOUL INTO KNITTING THIS!
YEESH... SHE'S BEEN LIKE THAT ALL DAY
BUT MY THREE MONTHS OF SWEAT AND TOIL..
WILL BE TOTALLY REWARDED WHEN I GIVE IT TO HIM AFTER WORK
OR NOT-- NAKAJIMA'S ON NIGHT SHIFT TODAY.
WHAT?!
TOO BAD, KIDDO. GUESS WE WON'T SEE YOU AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY, huh?
THE CHIEF'S TAKING ME, Y'KNOW!!
I GUESS I'LL JUST GIVE IT TO HIM DURING LUNCH BE
THE CHIEF'S ON NIGHT SHIFT, TOO!
WHAT?!
TOO BAD IT'S YOURSELF! SO MUCH FOR YOUR LITTLE PLANS, EH?

DAMN!
WHY IS IT EVERYBODY'S ALWAYS TOO BUSY WHEN I WANNA HAVE FUN?!
THERE AIN'T NO JUSTICE! THERE AIN'T NO GOD!
PSST! NOT SO LOUD, MIYUKI!
BUT- BUT- BUT--
CHRISTMAS EVE MASS
--WHAT AM I GONNA DO WITH ALL THESE PARTY FAVORS?!
WAAH!
IT'S ALL GAR-BAGE!!

WHAT-DID-YOU-SAY?!
I DIDN'T-- THEY DID!
WHOA! GROSS ME OUT!
募集中
THIS MAN THREW AN EMPTY CAN ON THE STREET. I HEREBY PRESENT HIM WITH ALL THE GARBAGE HE NEEDS FOR CHRISTMAS. SANTA CLAUS
Y'KNOW, I'D SWEAR I'VE SEEN SOMETHING LIKE THIS BEFORE..
YEAH ME TOO.
EEK!!

I WAS JUST STANDING HERE, HELPING THIS LOST LADY.
WHEN THIS BIG, SCARY MAN YELLED "HERE'S YOUR REWARD" AT ME
I WAS SOO SCARED !!
HE LOOKED LIKE A BIG OLD SANTA CLAUS!!
HALT!!
YOU! YOU'RE STRIKEMAN, AREN'T YOU?!

"STRIKE-MAN"?!
NEVER HEARD OF 'IM
I AM THE GIVER OF THE GIFTS OF JUSTICE! I AM--
--SANTA CLAUS MAN!!
THEN WHAT'S THAT "S" ON YOUR FOREHEAD STAND FOR?
"S" IS FOR "SANTA," OF COURSE!
SMEEEH
THAT'S A NICE BIKE YOU'VE GOT, SANTA
GOT A NICE LEASE TO GO WITH IT?
Fool! HOW DARE YOU REFER TO THIS--
--AS A MERE "BIKE"?!


LOOK CLOSELY AND MARVEL! FOR THIS IS THE GREAT--
-- BLACK DRAGON, aka RICHARD MASON HARRELS..
.. DION PRIMS-HEWLEY D'ERYGORE PROVENCE STUART SOPWITH VENTURA RICHARDSON AKITAKA THE THIRD!!
WOULD YOU REPEAT THAT, PLEASE?
UH... BLACK DRAGON, RICHARD M-MENTHOLATUM.. UH, HALOGEN DINING ALGORE... UHHH... ETCETERA THE THIRD!
BUT LOOK AT THE DEEP, BLACK SHEEN OF THE GAS TANK!
YEA, VERILY, THOU ART A THING OF GREAT BEAUTY, O BLACK DRAGON!
TOGETHER WITH BLACK DRAGON HERE...
...I ROAM THE HIGH-WAYS AND BYWAYS, DELIVERING CHRISTMAS CHEER TO ALL!
SOUNDS LIKE YOU SHARE COMMON TASTES, MYUK!
FOR-GET IT!
THIS GIRL HASN'T GOT A MECHA-FETISH!
Ahh...

BUT GIFTS ARE MERELY OBJECTS.
UNLESS YOU PUT YOUR HEART INTO THEM, THEY MEAN NOTHING.
YOU HAVE TO THINK OF THE HAPPI-NESS OF THE RECEIVER!
LIKE, WHEN YOU KNIT SOMEONE A SWEATER, YOU SHOULD PUT YOUR SOUL INTO EVERY STITCH.
...THEN WRAP IT WITH A RIBBON OF PURE LOVE.
YOUR GIFTS ARE NOTHING BUT A PALE IMITATION OF THE REAL THING, STRIKEMAN!
UMMM..
..HE'S LONG GONE, MIYUKI.
ACK!

THIS IS FIRST, CALLING HOME BASE!
NO LUCK APPREHENDING THE TARGET SO FAR... OVER.
WHY DON'T YOU CRUISE ON DOWN TOWARD THE STATION PLAZA?
ROGER!
POLICE
I SHUDDER TO THINK OF THE HIDEOUS "PRESENTS" HE COULD BE HANDING OUT IN THE MEANTIME...
YUCK!
BOKUTO-8 CALLING BOKUTO-4...
THAT'S YORIKO
BOKUTO-4 HERE-- COME IN, BOKUTO-8.
I JUST SPOTTED A SANTA CLAUS ON A BIKE HEADING NORTH TOWARD RYOGOKU.
ALL RIGHT! WAY TO GO, YORIKO!!
POLICE
SANTA EXPRESS DELIVERY
THAT'S THE GUY, ISN'T IT?!

BREEP BEEP!
AT IT AGAIN ALREADY, IS HE...?
FIRST TO HOME BASE!
LOOKS LIKE WE'VE GOT ANOTHER VICTIM OF "SANTA CLAUS MAN" HERE!
Ulp!
W-WHAT HAPPENED TO HER?!
APPARENTLY, STRIKEMAN PRESENTED HER WITH A "KISS FROM THE HEART"
AIEE!! I DON'T EVEN WANT TO THINK ABOUT IT!!
Umm... DID YOU SAY SANTA CLAUS MAN IS REALLY STRIKE-MAN?

WELL. THAT LOOKS LIKE HIM DRIVING BY RIGHT NOW.
Huh?!
RWWWBBBAPP
WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SOMETHING SOONER?!
WHY DIDN'T YOU GIVE ME A BETTER DESCRIP-TION?!
GEEZ. HE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE SANTA AT ALL!
SKRAWKKK

LOOK AT HIM CORNER THAT THING! HE'S LAYING MUFFLER ALL OVER THE STREET!
OF COURSE IT'S PRETTY LOW TO START WITH!
EEK!!
WELL, AT LEAST IT'S EASY TO FOLLOW HIS TRAIL..
OVER THERE!
I... I CAN'T KEEP UP!
RMBBBB
EEK!!
STOP THAT!!
HELP!!
YOU'RE NEXT, HONEY!
EEK!! GET AWAY FROM ME!!
GET READY FOR SANTA'S SPECIAL PRESENT!

EH? ICE CREAM ?!
!!
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, BUDDY!!
BEHOLD THE POWER OF MY CUSTOMIZED SUPER PARTY FAVORS!!
IT'S PARTY TIME!!
NHOK

W-WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA, TRYING TO STOP ME FROM GIVING GIFTS FROM MY HEART?!
TRY THIS ONE, BOZO!!
KRAK
YEE-OWW!!
GIFTS MUST COME FROM THE HEART, TRUE--
--BUT!
YOU ALSO HAVE TO KEEP THE RECIPIENT'S FEELINGS IN MIND!
YOU'RE FORCING YOUR "GIFTS" ON PEOPLE WHO DON'T WANT THEM!!
HE LEFT AGAIN.
THAT UNGRATEFUL SWINE!

THE TONGUE OF THIS "NATSUMI SPECIAL" PARTY FAVOR IS COATED WITH A POWERFUL ADHESIVE
YOUR GIFT-GIVING DAYS ARE OVER! PREPARE TO BE UNMASKED!!
TAKE THAT!
SPLAT
FWIP
YOW!
NOW WE'LL SEE THE TRUE FACE OF THE PERPE-TRATOR!!
?!
Gack!
MEAN-WHILE, BACK AT MIYUKI'S DESK..
WONDER IF THAT'S FOR ME? GEE SURE WISH I COULD OPEN IT
OH, BOY! OH, BOY!
YARGHH! NOW YOU KNOW MY SECRET--I AM REALLY STRIKE-MAN!!
WE ALREADY KNEW THAT!
ANOTHER MASK?!
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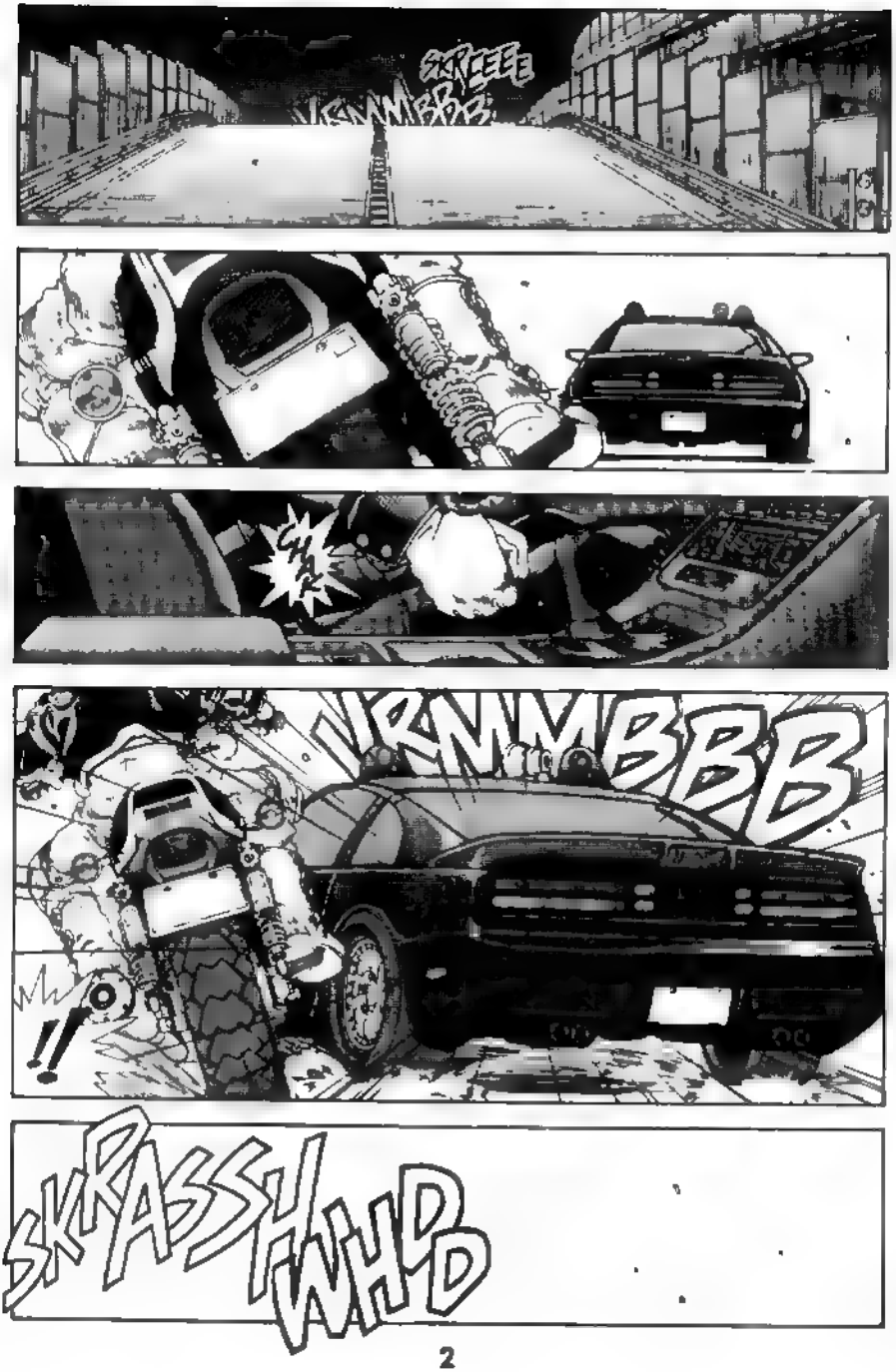
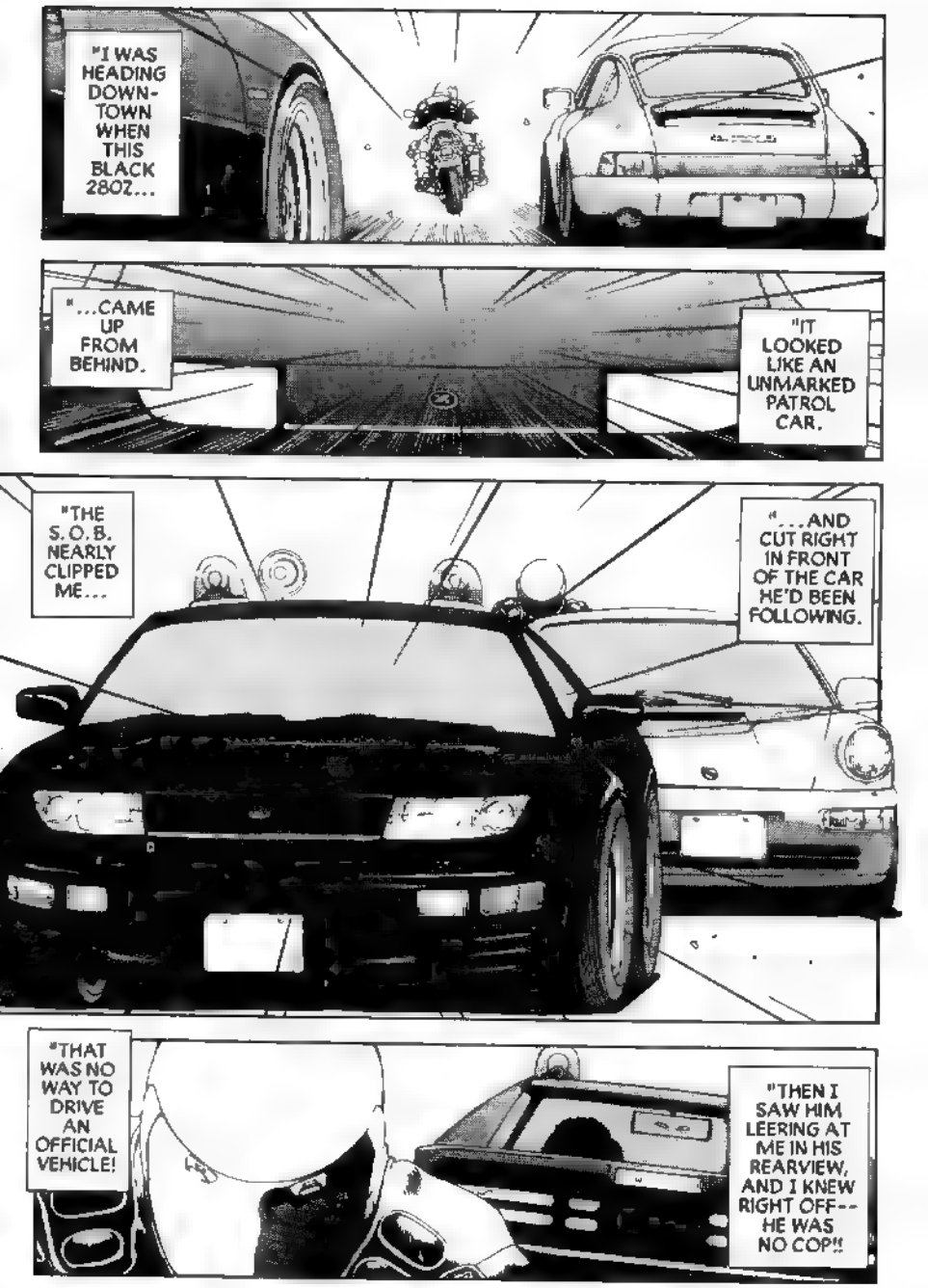

SKRCEEE
VRMMBBB
CHK
VRMMBBB
!!
SKRASSHWHD

....
....
JERK! THAT'LL TEACH YA TO MIND YER OWN BUSINESS!
VRMBBBB
"TRAFFIC VIGILANTE CORPS" ...?!
Y... YOU'VE GOT TO BE... KIDDING...
URG...
PART 21

IS HE OKAY?!
I DON'T KNOW!!
I ONLY JUST HEARD ABOUT IT FROM SENA!
KEN!!
!?!
MIYUKI!! HELP! GET THESE CLOWNS TO LEAVE ME ALONE, WOULD YA?!

YEAH, I BUSTED MY TIBIA, BUT THEY SAY IT WAS A CLEAN BREAK.
IT'LL ONLY TAKE ABOUT A MONTH TO HEAL UP.. SO NO PROB.
HOW CAN YOU BE SO C-CASUAL ABOUT IT?
I... I WAS SO WORRIED!!
WHEN I HEARD YOU WERE IN AN ACCIDENT...
...I WAS SO AFRAID... I THOUGHT THAT M-MAYBE...
UM, MIYUKI...?
"I WAS BREAKING IN THAT V-MAX YOU REBUILT FOR ME THE OTHER DAY, MIYUKI.
SEE, IT WAS MY DAY OFF...
HELP...?!
CUT IT OUT!!
LEMME SIGHT!


"I WAS HEADING DOWN-TOWN WHEN THIS BLACK 280Z...
"...CAME UP FROM BEHIND.
"IT LOOKED LIKE AN UNMARKED PATROL CAR.
"THE S.O.B. NEARLY CLIPPED ME...
"...AND CUT RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE CAR HE'D BEEN FOLLOWING.
"THAT WAS NO WAY TO DRIVE AN OFFICIAL VEHICLE!
"THEN I SAW HIM LEERING AT ME IN HIS REARVIEW, AND I KNEW RIGHT OFF-- HE WAS NO COP!!

"EVEN WHEN I'M OFF DUTY, I'M ALWAYS A PROFESSIONAL!
"SOMETHING HAD TO BE DONE ABOUT THIS SCUMBAG, BY GOD!
"VENTING MY RIGHTEOUS ANGER ON THE SHIFT LEVER...
"...I PUNCHED IT DOWN A GEAR.
"POURING MY RAGE INTO THE THROTTLE...
"...I SPUN THE ENGINE UP INTO THE RED ZONE, AND--"
STOP!! TIME OUT!
KEN... DIDN'T YOU PROMISE ME NOT TO TAKE IT ABOVE 3,000 RPM?!
UL.P! WELL, er, YEAH... BUT...
IT WAS AN EMERGENCY!
OWW!! I'M SORRY, MIYUKI, I'M SORRY!! N-NO!! STOP!!
AIEEE!!
TIME TO TAKE YOUR TEMPERATURE, MR. NAKAJIMA--
NURSE! HELP!!
HEE-HEE HA-HA-HA!!

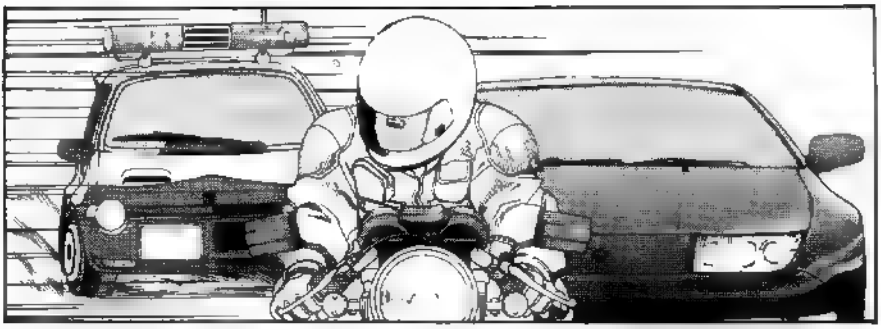
HMMM... SO IT'S NOT JUST A RUMOR, EH?
"RUMOR"...? YOU MEAN...?
YES.
WE'VE BEEN HEARING STORIES LATELY ABOUT AN ALLEGED "UNMARKED POLICE CAR" ENGAGED IN SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR.
TRAFFIC VIGILANTE CORPS
BUT WITHOUT ANY HARD EVIDENCE OR VICTIMS COMING FORWARD, THERE'S NOT MUCH WE CAN DO.
WELL, ACCORDING TO THE DATA I'VE COMPILED..
...THE CAR IS ONLY SEEN LATE AT NIGHT, WHEN THERE'S RELATIVELY FEW POLICE ON THE STREETS.
THE DRIVER LIKES TO STOP HOT-RODDERS AND SHAKE THEM DOWN FOR CASH.
THE CAR APPEARS TO PRODUCE OVER 800 BRAKE HORSE-POWER...
...EASILY REACHES SPEEDS OF 200 MPH...
...AND CAN GO FROM 0 TO 200 IN FIVE SECONDS!
IT WAS CLOCKED TAKING A 90-DEGREE TURN AT 50 MPH!
TH--
--THAT'S KINDA UNBELIE-VABLE!
YES...
...I DIDN'T BELIEVE IT MYSELF AT FIRST.

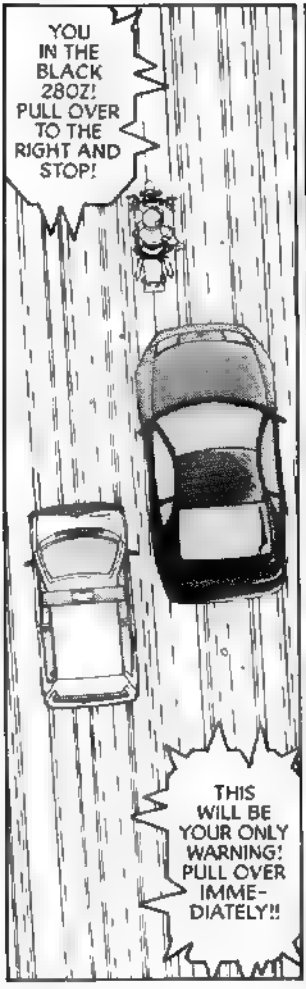
BUT I'LL SHOW HIM! NO ONE SMASHES UP MY FRESHLY REBUILT V-MAX--
--AND GETS AWAY WITH IT!!
AW, C'MON, MIYUKI!
YOU'RE MOSTLY PISSED OFF 'CAUSE HE HURT KEN, AREN'T YOU?
ENOUGH!! WHAT REALLY MATTERS HERE IS THAT IF WORD GETS OUT ABOUT THIS, IT COULD HURT THE PUBLIC'S FAITH AND TRUST IN US!
IT'S UP TO THE TWO OF YOU TO APPREHEND THE PERPE-TRATOR! I'M COUNTING ON YOU!!
YESSIR!! WE'LL DO IT FOR YOU, CHIEF!
"AW, C'MON," YOUR-SELF, NATSUMI!
THREE A. M., HUH...
YOU REALLY THINK THIS'LL FLUSH HIM OUT, MIYUKI?

WELL, WE DON'T REALLY HAVE ANY OTHER WAY TO DO IT.
THE LICENSE NUMBER KEN GOT WASN'T IN THE DATABASE.
A FAKE, EH?
LOOKS LIKE IT.
HEH... HEH-HEH-HEH.
BRAAP
ANYWAY, LET'S GET THIS SHOW ON THE ROAD.
TEN-FOUR!
CHNK
BRAAP

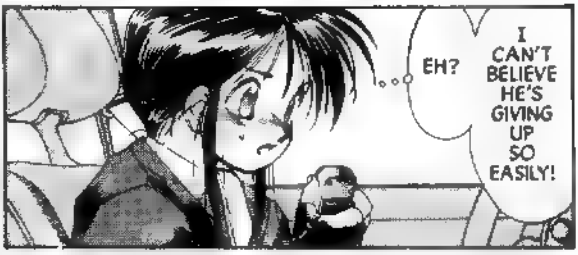
'DON'T WORRY, KEN...
"...WE'LL AVENGE YOU!"
WHOA! I'M NOT DEAD YET!
WE'LL CATCH THE BASTARD...
...WHO MADE YOU SUFFER!!
I SAID I'M NOT DEAD YET!"
FIVE A.M.... HMM.
LOOKS LIKE HE'S NOT GONNA SHOW UP TODAY, MIYUKI.
BRAAAP
!!

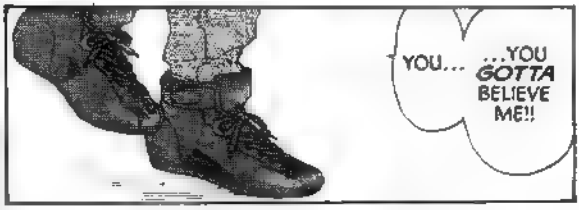
VRRMMMB!
A BLACK 280Z!!
HE'S RIGHT BEHIND ME, MIYUKI!!
CURRENT LOCATION?!
CHNK
CROSSING KIKUKAWA BRIDGE!
MASKARI 1000 rpm
NKEEE
NOW HEADING NORTH ON THIRD AVENUE!!
ROGER! I'LL CUT HIM OFF AT KURAMAE STREET!
EEE
SKRLEAL
POLICE
SEVEN SECONDS TO MAKE IT FROM KIYOSUMI TO THIRD AVENUE! THAT'S JUST ENOUGH TIME!!




YOU IN THE BLACK 280Z! PULL OVER TO THE RIGHT AND STOP!
THIS WILL BE YOUR ONLY WARNING! PULL OVER IMME-DIATELY!!

NISSAN 280Z


EH?
I CAN'T BELIEVE HE'S GIVING UP SO EASILY!


YOU...
...YOU GOTTA BELIEVE ME!!

HUH?
HUH?
HUH?

I--
--I WAS JUST FOLLOW-ING ORDERS!!
THIS DUDE SAID IF I FOLLOWED THE CHICK RIDING THE RZ.. JUST FOR A COUPLE A' MILES...
...HE'D PAY ME 500 BUCKS!!
HE MUST HAVE MONITORED OUR TRANS-MISSIONS!
BUT I WAS USING DIGITAL ENCRYP-TION!*
HEH, HEH.
CHK
WCHAK
BRRMMBB

KREEEEE!!
POLICE
UNRH!
FWUD
FWAP
OW!!
NATSUMI!!! ARE YOU OKAY?!
POLICE
I'M FINE, I'M FINE.

YOU'VE THROWN DOWN THE GAUNTLET... AND WE'RE PICKING IT UP, PAL!
GRATING
YES?
OH, HI, SENA! .....
WHAT?!
KEN?!
YOU'RE KIDDING!!
HE'S SIGNED HIMSELF...
...OUT OF THE HOSPITAL?!
WELL, HE SURE HAD HIS LITTLE BIT OF FUN WITH US, DIDN'T HE?
IF THAT'S HIS WAY OF SAYING "CATCH ME IF YOU CAN"... OKAY, FINE, WE HEAR YOU!

SENA!!
WHERE'S KEN?!
OH, MIYUKI!
I'M SORRY-- I WAS SUPPOSED TO BE LOOKING AFTER HIM!
HAH!! THAT'S MY SONNY-BOY, GOD BLESS 'IM!
WHAT'S A LITTLE BROKEN BONE OR TWO, ANYWAY?!
GUESS IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY...
O-OKAY, EVERY-BODY, LET'S STAY C-C-CALM...
BETTER CALM YOUR-SELF DOWN FIRST!
FIRST, I'M GOING TO GO CHECK OUT A COUPLE OF PLACES HE MIGHT HAVE GONE.

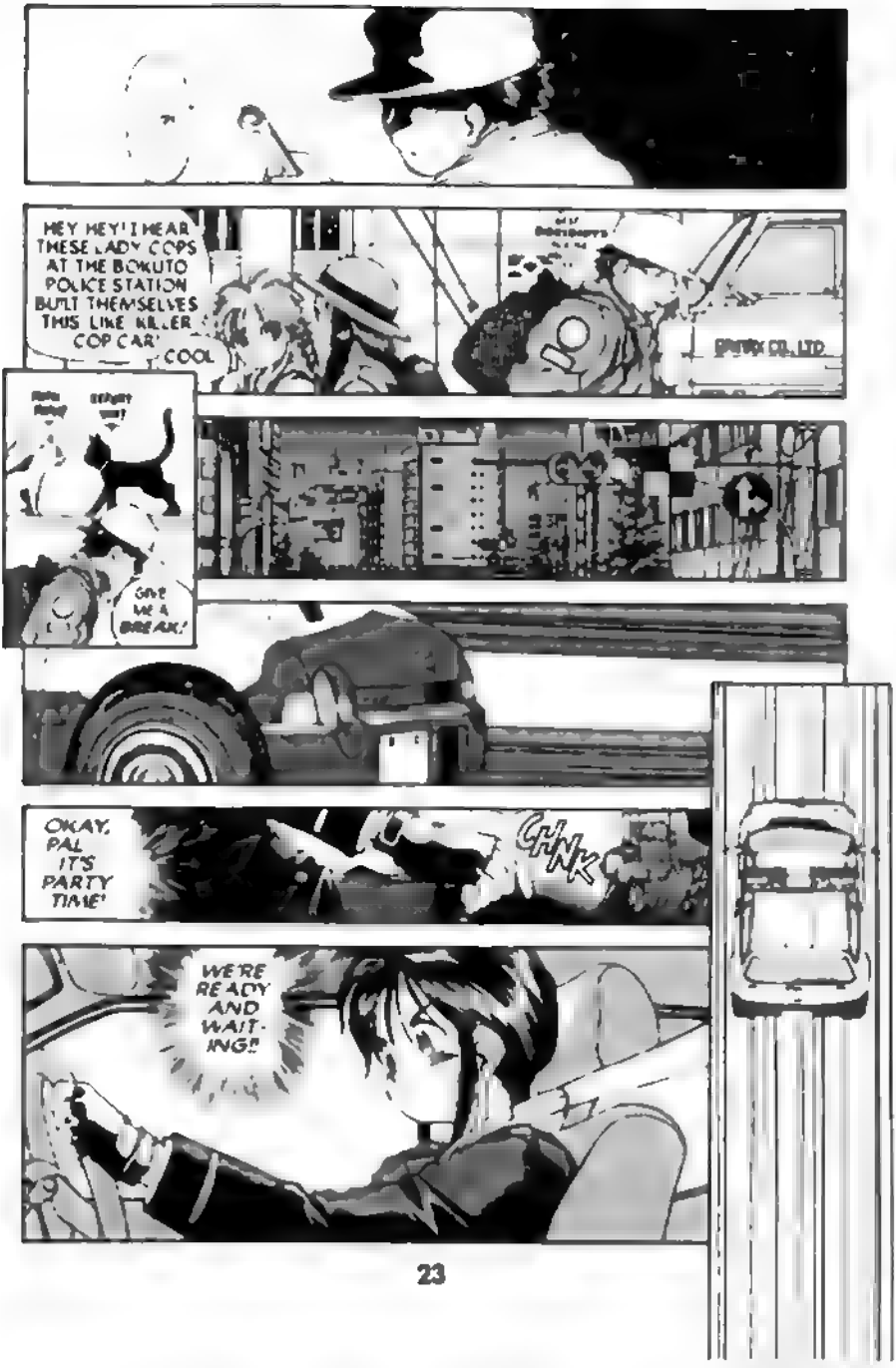
SEE YOU LATER, NATSUMI.
SURE, OKAY.
!!
Urrg!
NATSUMI?!
ORTHOPEDICS
AH, YES...
YOU'VE GOT A FRACTURED WRIST, YOUNG LADY.

WHAT?! FROM THAT STUPID LITTLE FALL?!
WELL, BONES CAN BE EASY TO BREAK, DEPENDING ON HOW YOU APPLY STRESS TO THEM
GEEZ... THREE WEEKS, HE SAYS!
NOW WHAT?
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO PLAY DECOY IN THIS CONDITION?!
IT HARDLY MATTERS.
AFTER ALL, YOUR COVER WAS ALREADY BLOWN.
WE'LL FIGURE SOMETHING OUT IN THE MORNING. WE WERE UP ALL NIGHT, ANYWAY.
HEY, THAT'S KEN'S V-MAX, ISN'T IT?
WHAT'S IT DOING HERE?
HIS DAD DOESN'T HAVE ROOM FOR IT AT HIS SHOP, SO I HAD IT BROUGHT HERE.

AW, C'MON, MIYUKI, YOU KNOW YOU'RE DOING IT FOR YOUR PRECIOUS KENNY!!
DROP DEAD.
KAMK
HUH?
WHY IS THIS--
OH!
er, HI THERE... HEH HEH!
KEN!?!
SORRY 'BOUT THAT.
I JUST, Y'KNOW, GOT THE URGE TO FIX IT MYSELF.
AS LONG AS YOU'RE APOLO-GIZING...
...SHOULDN'T YOU APOLOGIZE FOR DIS-APPEARING LIKE YOU DID...?
OOH! YOU'RE IN BIG TROUBLE NOW, KEN NAKAJIMA!

LOOK... I'M PROUD TO DRIVE THE "WHITE MOTOR-CYCLE" FOR A LIVING.
I'M PROUD TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC BY GETTING TRAFFIC VIOLATORS OFF THE ROAD.
AND I'LL BE DAMNED IF I'LL LET THAT BASTARD GET AWAY WITH THIS!!
HE'LL PAY FOR WHAT HE DID TO ME!!
I... I'VE GOT TO--
NOW, NOW...
WE HATE HIM JUST AS MUCH AS YOU DO.
SO WHAT'RE WE GONNA DO NOW? I MEAN, LOOK AT ME!
YEAH, WELL, LOOK AT ME!
DON'T WORRY!

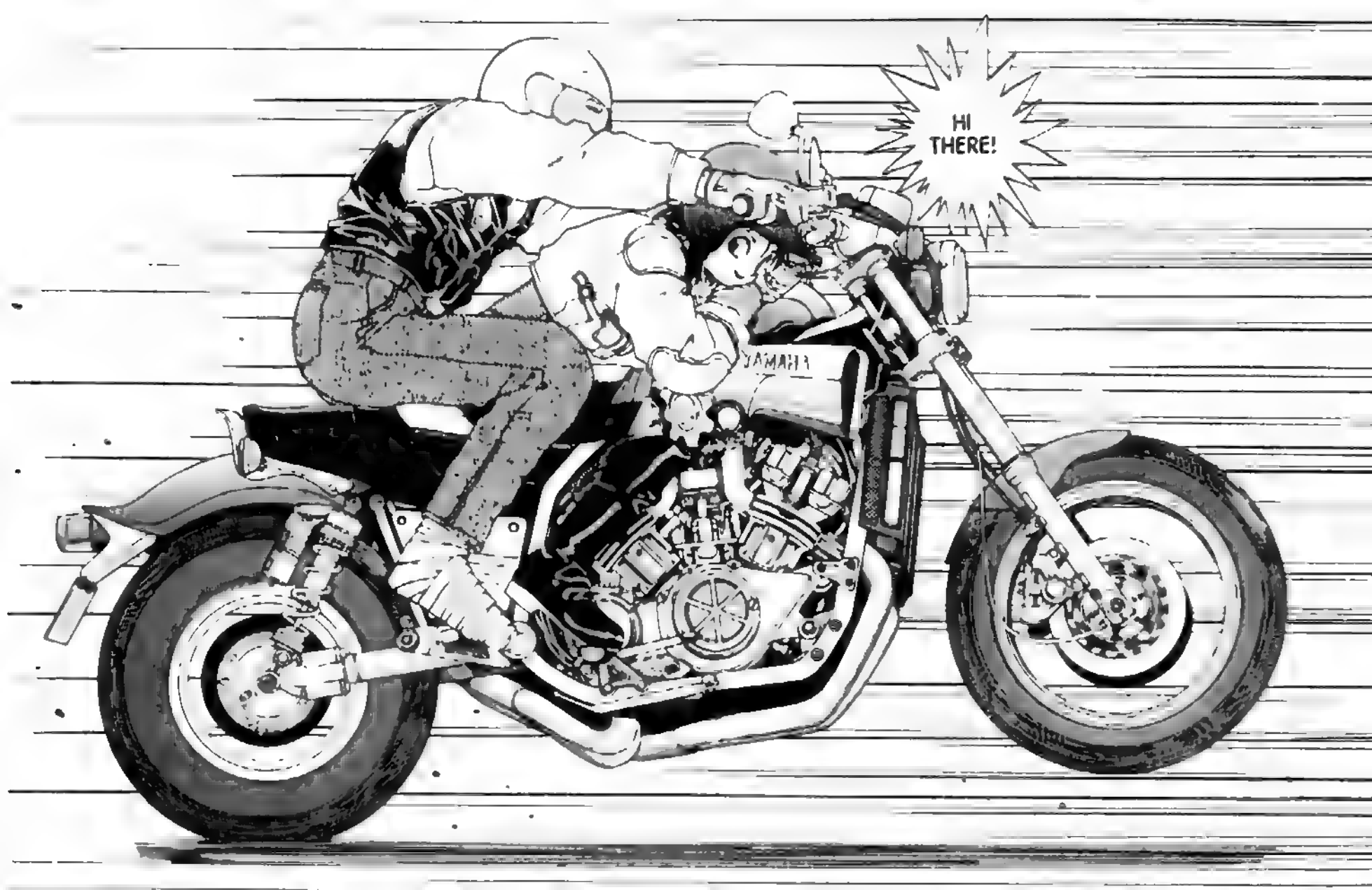
I HAVE A PRETTY GOOD IDEA WHO THE PERP IS.
WHAT?!
THE NEXT DAY..
HEY, DID YOU HEAR?
WOMEN
MIYUKI AND NATSUMI...
...HAVE HOT-RODDED THEIR PATROL CAR TO THE MAX!!
AND IN NO TIME...
YEAH!! I HEAR IT'LL BLOW THAT BOGUS PATROL CAR OFF THE ROAD, MAN!!
SO I HEARD.
...THE RUMOR HAD SPREAD TO OTHER PRECINCTS AROUND TOKYO.
POLICE

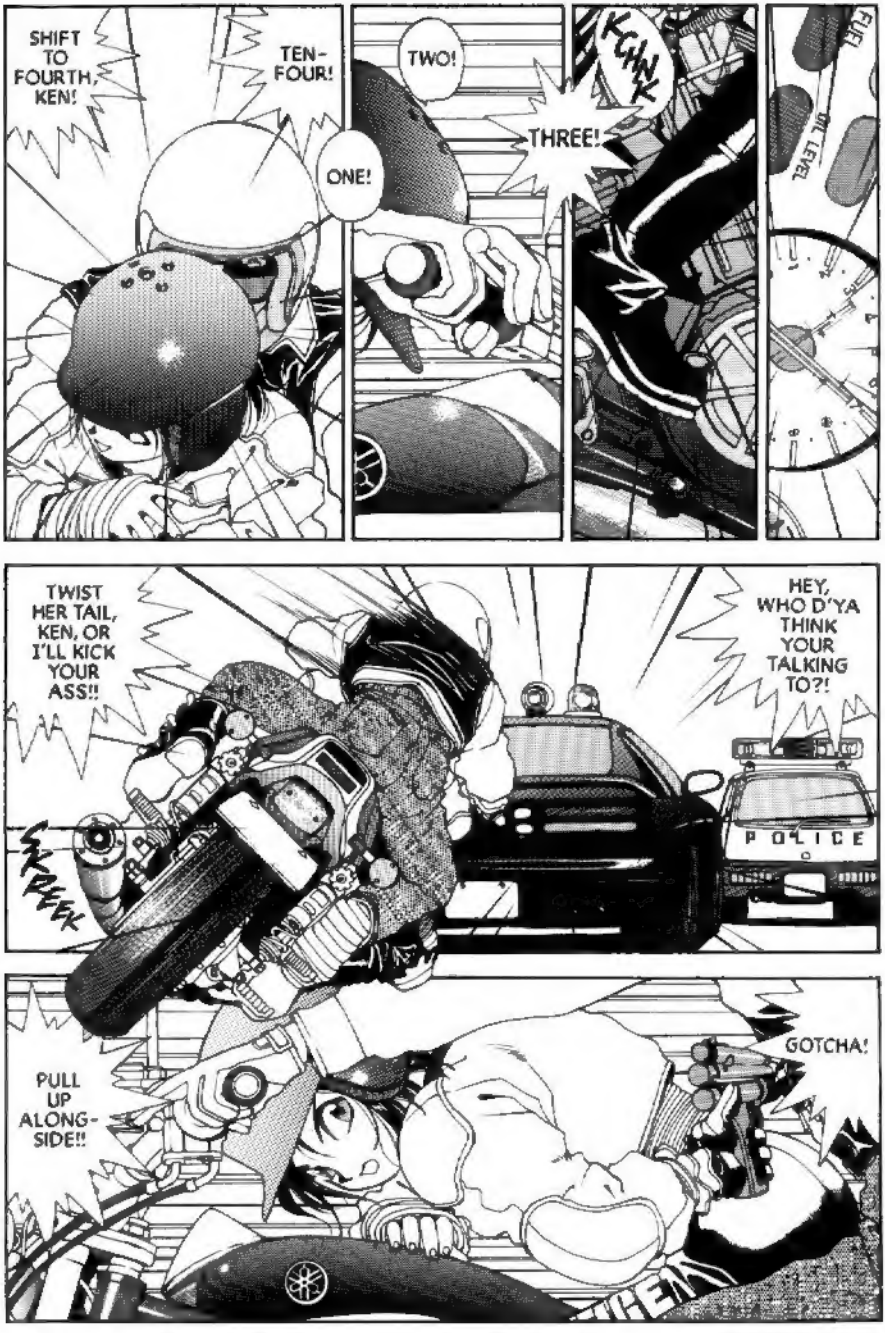

HEY HEY! I HEAR THESE LADY COPS AT THE BOKUTO POLICE STATION BUILT THEMSELVES THIS LIKE KILLER COP CAR! COOL
GIVE ME A BREAK!
OKAY, PAL IT'S PARTY TIME!
CHNK
WE'RE READY AND WAITING!!

RMMBBB
KWAK!
THERE HE IS!!
I'M GONNA BLAST RIGHT BY YOU SO FAST...
...YOU'LL NEVER KNOW WHAT HIT YA, BABY!
I HEAR YOU'RE BOKUTO STATION'S NUMBER-ONE DRIVER, HUH?
WELL, I'LL SHOW YOU WHO'S *REALLY* NUMBER ONE!!

VRRRMMMBBB
POLICE
THAT SOUND!
IT MUST BE--
I KNOW YOU CAN HEAR ME!
IT'S TIME TO STOP YOUR LITTLE CHA-RADE!
YOU WORK FOR THE POLICE, DON'T YOU?!
ULP!!
YOUR ENGINE'S GOT THE SPECIAL SOUND OF A WELL-TUNED PATROL CAR...
...AND I'D KNOW THAT SOUND ANY-WHERE!!
WHEN I HEARD IT THE OTHER DAY, I KNEW.
THAT'S WHY WE SPREAD THAT RUMOR ABOUT OUR CAR-- TO FLUSH YOU OUT.

W-WHY YOU..!
AARG// YOU'LL NEVER UNDER-STAND!!
"DAY IN AND DAY OUT, COVERED WITH GREASE, SWEATING IN THAT DARK, COLD GARAGE--AND WHO GETS ALL THE GLORY? YOU STINKIN' COPS!
"I JUST WANTED MY DAY IN THE SUN..."
A CHANCE TO FIRE UP THE LIGHTS AND SIREN, CHASE DOWN SOME TROUBLE-MAKERS
HAH!! I LOVE TO WATCH 'EM PANIC AND BEG FOR MERCY!
SO, WHAT NOW? YOU GONNA TRY TO ARREST ME ALL BY YOUR-SELF?
YOUR BUDDIES AREN'T IN ANY SHAPE TO HELP YOU, I BET!
OH, DON'T WORRY...
. THEY'RE HERE, ALL RIGHT!
JUST LOOK OUT YOUR WINDOW!
GACK!!


HI
THERE!
YAMAHA


SHIFT TO FOURTH, KEN!
TEN-FOUR!
ONE!
TWO!
THREE!
KCHNK
FUEL
OIL LEVEL
TWIST HER TAIL, KEN, OR I'LL KICK YOUR ASS!!
HEY, WHO D'YA THINK YOUR TALKING TO?!
POLICE
SKREEK
PULL UP ALONG-SIDE!!
GOTCHA!

HMM... DAMN SHAME YOU'RE NOT MIYUKI...
OKAY, PAL, IT'S PAYBACK TIME FOR WHAT YOU DID TO MY WRIST!
KLHAR
JUST CONCEN-TRATE ON YOUR DRIVING, ROMEO!
YES, MA'AM!!
UH-OH!
PHUT

SPAK
AIEE!
SPAK
SPAK
HEY! WHAT TH' HELL IS THIS STUFF?!
MY WIPERS DON'T WORK!!
THAT'S OIL-BASED PAINT, BUDDY-- GOOD LUCK GETTING IT OFF!
DAMN!
YOU BITCH!! I'M GONNA--
SPALK

NOW, THAT ONE WAS WATER-SOLUBLE!
THE RED OF THE PATROL CAR LIGHTS...
...IS THE RED OF PRIDE AND PASSION!
MAYBE YOU'VE JUST GOT A BIT TOO MUCH OF BOTH, HMM...?
PRIDE...?
PASSION...?!
SPARE ME THE BULL-CRAP SERMON, WILLYA?!
OH, YEAH? THEN HOW ABOUT THIS?!
WHUD
TAKE THAT. YOU LOUSY IMPOS-TOR!!
WHOK
FD
TH OK
BACK AT THE HOSPI-TAL...
WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE YOU BOTH HAVE BEEN RESTING QUIETLY... GOOD, GOOD...
WHAT AN IDIOT!

THE END OF: YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!